

## BIG DAMAGE DONE BY WIND AND SNOW

NEW ENGLAND  
STATES HARD  
HIT IN STORM

Terrific Gale and Blinding  
Snowfall Ties Up Traffic  
and Communication.

## IS HEAVIEST IN YEARS

New York and Northern At-  
lantic Coast Country Un-  
der 15-Inch Blanket.

New York, Dec. 14.—The center of one of the heaviest snow storms this section of the country has experienced in several years passed northeast of New York today leaving in its wake a tangle of broken telegraph poles and wires, railroad trains stalled in snow drifts or long delayed and a large portion of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England blanketed with snow from six to 15 inches deep. Snow was still falling early today although the severity of the storm had abated. Predictions were that the storm would continue through part of the day, clearing tomorrow.

15 Inches Deep.  
The heaviest fall of snow reported in this vicinity was at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where it was 15 inches deep. Some of the New York Central's through express trains from and to the west forced their way through the drifts here today hours behind their schedule. The whereabouts of other through trains was unknown to the railroad officials and none would say when they might arrive.

Trains are Stalled.  
The blockade of the electric zone of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad between New York and Stamford, Conn., was described by officials of that road to be the worst in years. Electric lines broke down and held up every train in the zone. Hundreds of passengers spent hours last night in the stalled trains or marooned in the station until steam locomotives were sent out to pull the trains to their destinations. The electric service was still suspended when the morning rush of commuters to the city began and the steam locomotive service was in effect.

New Haven officials said that through trains between Boston and New York began to move from six to eight hours behind their schedule early this morning and that the situation was then clearing. The snow was not deep enough to interfere with the movement of steam trains in the immediate vicinity of New York, but in Connecticut many trains were held up by drifts.

## Communication Destroyed.

Telegraphic communication between New York and points west and north was cut by the breakdown of wire and poles under the weight of clinging snow.

Cable communication across the Atlantic was badly hampered by the failure of the cable company's land wire between New York and Nova Scotia. The snowfall in New York city is estimated at six inches but as a considerable part of it melted almost as fast as it fell the streets and sidewalks when day dawned were deep with slush. The wind here attained a velocity of 54 miles an hour.

## Taft in Storm Zone.

New York, Dec. 14.—Former President Taft was among the storm bound travelers on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad last night. He boarded a train for New Haven at Grand Central station only to be informed that because of a break in the

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BEEKEEPERS ARE  
HOLDING SESSION

Members of Iowa State Association  
Gathered in Des Moines for With-  
drawal.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 14.—The Iowa State Beekeepers' association in convention here had before it today the proposition of withdrawal from membership in the national organization. A special committee was to make a report on the question during the afternoon session.

Members of the Iowa association, also members of the national body, claimed that the latter organization had exceeded its functions by going into commercial fields, buying supplies for members' associations and attempting to publish a journal.

ASSEMBLED FOR  
SUFFRAGE FIGHT

Delegates For and Against the Cause  
Gathered in Washington in  
Final Stand.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The White house was today the mecca of women leaders of both camps in the fight for suffrage. The first delegation received by the president came from the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, which held its annual meeting here yesterday, and was headed by Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge of New York, its president. Several hundred members of the National American Woman Suffrage association, under the leadership of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the retiring president, were to call on the president late today.

Mrs. Dodge, in a brief address, thanked the president for having declared that suffrage was an issue which the states, rather than congress, should determine. The president made no response, as the two hundred women of the party began shaking hands as soon as Mrs. Dodge had finished.

NEGRO HANGING  
AGAIN STOPPED

Governor Dunne Issues Third Reprieve  
For Elston Scott, Sentenced  
to Death.

Springfield, Dec. 14.—For the third time Elston Scott, a negro, condemned to hang for the murder of his sister-in-law, was reprieved today by Governor Dunne. With the announcement of the reprieve, which extends the negro's life from Dec. 17 until Jan. 21, Governor Dunne issued a statement reviewing the public execution of Joe Deberry, another negro, hung Oct. 16, and also made public his correspondence with Sheriff James White of Jackson county. White had charged Deberry's execution and would not accede to the governor's demands of assurance that Scott would be hung "decently and properly." Scott was sentenced to be hung Oct. 22.

BURIED TREASURE  
SEARCH FORSAKEN

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14.—The "pieces of eight," plate and other buried treasure of Cocos island will remain hidden for the present so far as Captain Brown, who recently purchased the whaler Jeanette for a treasure hunt in the South Pacific, is concerned.

Captain Brown said today he had chartered the Jeanette to San Francisco shipper who will employ the old vessel in carrying a cargo of oil to Australia.

Chicago Garment Strike Stands.  
Chicago, Dec. 14.—The state board of arbitration, which for three months has been struggling to settle the garment workers' strike, has withdrawn its services. It was announced today. Neither the manufacturers nor the union officials would agree to allow the board to act.

Stunned for  
Hours When  
Meteor Hits

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 14.—Three dogs driven by Andrew Johnson, a telegraph lineman, were killed by a giant meteorite which fell on the Yukon telegraph line near Nahlin, south of Atlin, according to word received here today. Johnson, who was traveling to see his wife, the animals, was stunned for several hours as a result of the impact. The meteorite made a hole almost fifty feet in diameter. The earth all about appeared subjected to intense heat.

REPUBLICANS ARE  
GIVEN BACK SEAT

Washington, Dec. 14.—Assignment of republican and progressive representatives to committees announced today by Republican Leader Mann discloses that veteran republican members elected to the present congress after having been defeated in the presidential year of 1912 will not be returned, in several instances, to important committees in which they had held membership before.

## THE WAR TODAY

Not only have the Anglo-French armies been driven out of Serbia by the Bulgarians, as Berlin reported yesterday, but previously their front was broken and the French forces cut off from the British, according to an official statement from Sofia.

Heavy losses were suffered by the retreating troops, the Bulgarian report declares. At one point a French battalion was routed and its commander captured. A Macedonian division was the Bulgarian army unit which broke through the allied line and divided it. In the operations on the right bank of the Vardar a long section of the French front was taken by storm.

Protests against any further concessions by Greece to the entente allies will be made by Germany, Athens advices declare. Germany, it is said, already has asked Greece whether Greek neutrality has been compromised by the new facilities accorded the entente.

The Italian chamber of deputies has adjourned until March 1, after a demonstration of tributes to the king and "the victorious army at the front."

Peace discussions may be continued in the Reichstag, according to a Leipzig newspaper which says that 34 socialist members have signed a declaration expressing dissatisfaction with the results of the recent discussion.

France has abandoned, as too costly and ineffective, the plan to purchase a merchant fleet of fifty ships from a British firm, a Paris dispatch states. Other means of increasing the fleet and decreasing the freight rates will be sought, it is said.

GREAT ACTIVITY  
IN COTTON WORK

Month of November Shows Big Increase in Industry Over the Preceding Months.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Activity in cotton spinning throughout the country was greater during November than in any month for some time. The monthly report of the census bureau, issued today, showed 31,491,435 cotton spindles were active during November, a greater number than at any time for several years. There were a million more spindles in operation than during November last year and almost 190,000 more bales of cotton were used than during November a year ago, the quantity in 1915 being 614,534 bales.

Exports during November were 527,625 bales against 674,655 last month, and 769,929 in November last year; exports for four months, ending Nov. 30, was 1,866,994 bales against 1,465,049 a year ago.

Imports were 21,169 bales against 13,596 last month and 13,454 in November last year.

THREE ARE DEAD  
IN CHICAGO FIRE

Victims of Blaze Are Without Chance of Escape When Flames Enveloped Rooming House.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Three persons were burned to death and a score injured in a fire which destroyed a three-story rooming house at 55 East Grand avenue, early today. The victims were: Edward Barry, 27 years old; Mrs. Josie Barry, 26 years old, his wife.

Aaron Barabro, 26 years old. Dwellers in the rooming house, trapped in their rooms when the flames cut off the front and rear exits, jumped from the second and third story windows and sustained serious injuries. All were taken to hospitals. Those who lost their lives occupied third floor rooms and had no chance to escape, as the building, an old structure, burned quickly.

The fire, it is believed, started from an overheated furnace.

KANSAS SOCIALISTS  
PLAN ACTIVE FIGHT

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 14.—Plans for an aggressive 1916 campaign were before the conference of the Socialist party of Kansas which began a two-day session here today. Adoption of a platform for state affairs and the outlining of plans for extending the organization in the state were two of the principal matters taken up, it was said.

The state executive committee met last night and formulated rules and an order of business for the conference. Several widely known socialists are to address the meeting during the two days.

France Not to Buy Fleet.  
Paris, Dec. 13. (10:30 p. m.).—Delayed.—The bill authorizing the state to purchase a merchant fleet of 50 ships from a British firm has been withdrawn from the chamber of deputies, according to the newspaper Liberte. The measure has been strongly criticized as both useless for the purpose designated and too costly.

TEUT CHARGE  
DIVIDES THE  
ALLY FORCES

Bulgarian Troops Are Reported to Have Broken Anglo-French Line.

## ARMIES SEPARATED

Remarkable Feat of Invaders Severs Connection of Allied Soldiers.

Berlin, Dec. 14. (via wireless to Sayville, N. Y.).—Bulgarian troops have broken through the Anglo-French line and cut off the French forces from the British, according to an official statement dated Dec. 12, received here from Serbia. It is stated a long section on the French front was taken by storm, the French forces suffering heavy losses. Pursuit of the allied troops continues. The statement as given out by the Overseas News Agency follows: "The Bulgarians continue pursuit of the Anglo-French troops on both banks of the Vardar, in the direction of Gjevgel and Dolan.

"On the right bank of the Vardar the Bulgarians stormed the whole French front between Miletovo and Smokovitsa, southwest of Kovanez. French regiments numbers 45, 84, 145 and 284 suffered heavily. Near Nebortul our cavalry routed a French battalion and captured its commander.

Forces Separated.  
"On the left bank of the Vardar we drove the French and British from fortified positions on Raba mountain. The defeated British then withdrew to the southeast, toward Karagularlar, and the French to the southwest toward Bogdanitz. A Macedonian division broke through the front, captured Bogdanitz and cut off the French from the British.

"The French killed and captured belonged to the most part to General Bailloud's division, composed of regiments numbers 175 and 176, and the second regiment of Zouaves. The pursuit continues.

London, Dec. 14. (9:22 a. m.).—The version of the Bulgarian official statement of Dec. 12 received here from Sofia says that the city of Gjevgel in southwestern Serbia, near the Greek border, is in flames.

Germany Protests to Greece.  
Germany apparently has no intention of permitting Greece to grant any further concessions to the allies without a vehement protest. Reuter's correspondent at Athens says German diplomats already have taken steps which are likely to add considerably to Greece's difficulties, if pressed.

It is announced unofficially at Athens, the correspondent continues that Germany has asked Greece "whether the new facilities afforded the allies compromise Greek neutrality in any way."

No official communication has been issued thus far at Athens regarding the exchange of views between German and Greek diplomats but Greek officials admit that the situation is becoming more delicate. The correspondent believes, however, that Germany does not desire to bring matters to a head, recognizing the fact that Greece is confronted with exceptional circumstances.

STRIKE DECLARED BY  
CHICAGO SWITCHMEN

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Switchmen employed at the Bell Railway company's yards outside the city struck today. The cause was said to be the refusal of the railroad to provide transportation to the yards for the men, 600 of whom are said to have quit work.

RULER LOSES USE  
OF HIS RIGHT ARM

Paris, Dec. 14. (5:15 a. m.).—A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year and that the emperor also has lost the use of his right arm, is forwarded by the Rome correspondent of the Matin. He says it is understood in Rome that this information was taken to the Vatican by Cardinal von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, who recently went to Rome for the consistory. According to this report the emperor is able to sign no state papers, and a special stamp has been made for use in his presence by his private secretary.

OBTAIN EVIDENCE  
TO SUSTAIN MOST  
VITAL BOMB PLOT

Federal Authorities Announce Great Revelation in San Francisco Case.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14.—The possession of evidence by the government in the alleged German bomb plots, which federal authorities declared to be "the most vital to the case of any yet discovered," became known today through the detailed report of testimony alleged to have been given by Johannes Henrikus Van Koolbergen, who is now in Canada and who will probably be brought here as a witness.

Van Koolbergen, it was learned, was the corroborating witness upon whom the government largely depended to support indictments returned yesterday by the federal grand jury against Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, C. C. Crowley, an admitted agent of the German consulate, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Crowley's agent. Each was charged with conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce with the allies and with use of the mails to incite arson, assassination and murder.

Paid for His Crimes.  
Van Koolbergen, according to the reports, was alleged to have represented to agents of the department of justice that a German official here employed him to act in violation of the neutrality laws, and that Von Brincken, whom he knew during the Boer war, hired him to make clockwork bombs in thermos bottles at \$100 a bomb with a bonus for each ship destroyed.

Van Koolbergen also alleged, it was said, that he was employed to dynamite a railroad trestle in Canada over which supply trains passed, to delay traffic and that he was paid \$250 by Von Brincken and \$300 by a representative of the German government at the German consulate for expenses when he produced clippings from Canadian newspapers to show the trestle had been destroyed. He is also said to have received \$1,750 in payment for services, of which \$250 went to Von Brincken.

## Indiana On Plot Program.

Plans for destruction of munition plants at Aetna, Ind., and Ishpeming, Mich., were revealed today when there was made public details of indictments returned yesterday against three alleged conspirators in German plots.

Gary, Ind., and Pinole, Cal., also were suggested to an alleged agent of the conspiracy as a fertile field for similar work. Two fires and explosions occurred at Pinole at the plant of the Hercules Powder company.

The letters containing these plans were three, alleged to have been written to Louis J. Smith, witness for the government again Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, Charles C. Crowley, a detective employed by the German consul general and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Crowley's employee, the three persons indicted.

All appeared today for arraignment on the two counts of each indictment and were released on bail bond of \$10,000 each.

## Italian Chamber Adjourns.

Rome, Dec. 14. (8:35 p. m.).—The chamber of deputies adjourned today until March 1. Adjournment was taken after an imposing demonstration in tribute to the king and the army. The greetings of the deputies were sent to "the victorious army at the front."

Indians Ruin  
Property in  
Mexico Raid

Topolohampo, Dec. 13. (via wireless to San Diego, Cal., Dec. 14.).—The first connected story of the losses sustained by Americans in the Yaqui valley through raids by Yaqui Indians was received here today.

Although the Yaquis have been killing, raiding and destroying property in the Yaqui valley since Dec. 5, Mexican troops, except for three hours fighting the first day, have remained inactive in the immediate vicinity stating that they were there to fight Villa troops and not Indians. Most of these Mexicans do not operate against the Indians with the spirit necessary to subdue the notorious tribe.

On Dec. 9 the Indians to the number of 500 appeared unexpectedly along the Yaqui river and fired into the Mexican villages between Cocorit and Esperanza. The Mexican troops repulsed the Indians at those points but the Yaquis appeared next morning south of the villages and in the very center of the American settlement, where they captured six Mexican laborers and gathered up quantities of corn.

BOSS LAWYER  
IS ATTACKED  
BY BUCHANAN

United States Attorney Is Charged With Corrupt Acts by Representative

## IS READ BEFORE HOUSE

Document Bearing Articles of Impeachment of Marshall Given Airing.

## DAY IN CONGRESS.

Majority Leader Kitchin introduced a joint resolution agreed on by the democratic caucus last night, extending the emergency revenue law to Dec. 31, 1916. Republican and progressive committee assignments announced by Minority Leader Mann. Minority Leader Mann introduced a general tariff bill. The president's message regarding revenue matters offered to ways and means committee, called to meet late today. SENATE. Not in session.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Representative Buchanan of Illinois, a labor leader, read in the house today articles of impeachment of Snowden Marshall, United States attorney for the southern district of New York, charging him with corruptly neglecting the duties of his office, with refusal to prosecute certain important cases, with violation of the federal and state eight hour laws, and other things. Representative Buchanan charged that District Attorney Marshall had: Neglected and refused to prosecute men who made the port of New York a naval base for foreign belligerent powers. Failed to prosecute ship owners who shipped explosives on vessels carrying passengers. Violated the eight hour laws of the state and federal government. Publicly defamed, slandered and libeled people. Neglected to prosecute notorious violations of the laws by trusts and monopolies. Prostituted his office to the "criminal trust."

"I call the attention of this house," said Mr. Buchanan, "that any attempt on the part of Marshall's political or financial masters to shield or to whitewash him, or to interfere with or obstruct the process of justice in this case will be sufficient to warrant the prompt and drastic action which I shall ask this house to take against all such interference." The resolution was referred to the judiciary committee without further comment.

## Have Had Differences.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Buchanan are understood to have had some differences in the past over statements made by Mr. Marshall regarding Labor's National Peace Council, of which Mr. Buchanan is an officer.

Chairman Webb of the house judiciary committee said today that he did not believe the committee would consider the charges against Mr. Marshall before the Christmas recess. The committee may find the charges to be without foundation and drop the case, or, if it finds they are well grounded, a report will be made to the house to this effect.

New York, Dec. 14.—United States Attorney Marshall refused to make any comment when told today of Representative Buchanan's attempt to have him impeached for negligence of duty. "It would not be proper to say anything at this time," he said.

Representative Buchanan is president of "Labor's National Peace Council," the organization which Mr. Marshall says was used by Franz von Rintelen, German agent, to instigate strikes in munition factories.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Quincy.

Increased cloudiness tonight, followed by snow Wednesday; rising temperature, with the lowest tonight about 10 degrees.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 4. Highest yesterday, 25. Lowest last night, 4. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 6 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 78; at 7 a. m., 59; at 1 p. m. today, 62. Stage of water, 5.4; a rise of .1 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERMAN, Local Forecaster.